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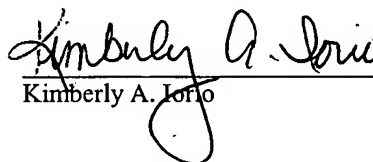
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 15, 2005, in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I, (i.e., Claims 1-13 and 36).

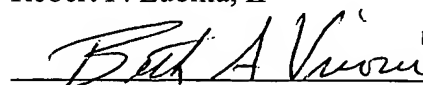
Additionally, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in connection with the non-elected claims.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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